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downgrading and declassification

MESORATEM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Classification of Maps in the Indochina Map Folio

The classification of maps in the Indochina Map Folio is based primarily on existing Agency and Department of Defense regulations governing the control of intelligence information. In each case, however, we have gone back to the originator to confirm both the classification and the reason therefore. Specific comments on the classification of each map follow.

1. Man Mumber 2 - Indochina Area

The transportation data appearing on this map is derived from the same cources as that on the Transportation map, following.

2. New Number 3 - Transportation

The selection of potential amphibious landing areas is a military evaluation which, by BoD regulation, must be classified COMPLEMIAL. Information on the roads and trails is derived, in part, from serial photography. MPIC advises

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3. Man Bamber 4 - Airfields

The liaison officer for the Aeromutical Chart and Information Center checked with her home office, which maintains that the airfield information must remain SECRET. The airfield runway lengths and surface conditions are shown for both friendly and unfriendly fields. Some of the airfields

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4. Map Mumber 5 - Telecommunications

comes informs us that the information on which the map is based comes from literally hundreds of classified reports which now would be infecsible to exempt out in detail. These reports

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ariginated in many agencies, including DIA, DCA, MSA, and CIA

In one specific case, MSA

approved the downgrading of a codeword report to SECRET.

5. Map Ausber 12 - Industry, Mining, and Electric Power

The location of industrial sites and mining installations possibly could be downgraded, although the element of selection might weigh against this. The location and alignment of the electric power grid, however, was obtained from acrial photography which HPIC maintains must be on a SECNET level.

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